GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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Price Intervention
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether presently there is no unified mechanism to deal with sharp increase or fall in prices of essential commodities as different departments deal with different aspects of commodities;
(b) if so, whether the Government is considering to set up a body for monitoring and intervening in case of sharp variation in the prices of essential commodities and if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether the proposed body would be entrusted with responsibility to find alternatives to scarce commodities and engage all the stakeholders to control prices; and
(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a) to (d) : There is at present no such unified mechanism or Panel in operation. However, both price trends and availability of select essential food items are monitored on a regular basis at the highest level, including by Committee of Secretaries, Inter Ministerial Committee etc. for appropriate policy intervention.
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